He has, therefore, requested for the grant of leave of Absence for the remaining part of the Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri A.S. Chowdhri for remaining absent from the remaining part of the current Session?

(No. hon. Member dissented)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Permission to remain absent is granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 16TH AUGUST, 1994.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):

Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir with your permission I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing 16th August, 1994 will consist of:—

Consideration and return of the following Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha:—

1. The Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1994.
2. The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1994.
3. The Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1994.
4. The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1994.
5. The Comptroller and Auditor-General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 1994.
6. The Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 1994.
7. The Appropriation (Railways) No. 5 Bill, 1994.

Thank you, Sir.

REFERENCES

Re. Clarification about Yakub Menon's interview to Newstrack

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA (Gujarat): Sir, yesterday I had requested for a clarification from the Home Ministry about Yakub Memon's interview to Newstrack, but that clarification has not yet come.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Mrs. Alva is there.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: The Home Minister, Mrs. Alva or anyone can give the answer—I have no objection. The entire House was unanimous in seeking a clarification from the Home Ministry as to why Yakub Memon was given the facility of giving that interview to Newstrack, which was telecast by Doordarshan, an official agency. Therefore, the clarification should have come immediately. But the Government is not responding. The hon. Deputy Chairman was there, and she also said that the Government should come forward. At least that direction should be heeded. I deplore the Government's attitude that they do not take seriously even the remarks made by the Chairperson.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Mehta, I would like to make one point clear. The Deputy Chairman shared the concern of the Members, but there was no direction from the Chair. I went through the record and I found that there was no directive from the Chair, asking the Government to come with a statement. The Chair shared your views, that's all. Therefore, I cannot direct the Government.

...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Now you can give the directive.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Points have been raised by the Members. Government took note of them and it is for the Government to decide. ..*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The Home Minister has been handling this thing. He has also made a statement in the House. The views expressed by the Members have been conveyed to the Home Minister.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Today's paper says that the CBI has disclaimed any role in this entire affair and that orders had come from somewhere. Who is that authority who has authorized this kind of an interview? She is in charge of CBI. Let her clarify.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): I think the matter is before the court now. It is